REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-8 and 10 are considered in the Office Action.

Claims 1-8 and 20 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of the obviousness type double patenting of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,068.

Claims 1-8 and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Battat et al U.S. Patent No. 5,958,012 ("Battat").

Reply to Obviousness-Type Double Patenting Rejection

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming the terminal part of any patent that issues on the present application that extends beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,068. Applicants submit that the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer obviates the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Reply to §102(e) Rejections

Applicants have amended claim 1 to more particularly describe and distinctly claim the invention. In particular, amended claim 1 recites a printing system including a network, a plurality of output printing devices coupled to the network, each output printing device including status information, a client computer coupled to the network, the client computer adapted to submit a print job to any of the output printing devices, and an application connected to the network, wherein the application is adapted to receive the status information regarding the output printing devices, filter the status information relevant to the print job submitted by the client computer, and display the filtered status information. Battat does not describe or suggest the claimed invention.

Instead, Battat describes a system and apparatus for visualizing the components of a computer network system as a realistic three-dimensional environment for purposes of network management. (Col. 4, lines 47-50). The three-dimensional rendering shows computer systems, printers, network routers and other devices with their network interconnections in a realistic or stylized environment symbolizing a geographic region like a country, region or city, together with buildings. (Col. 4, lines 50-56). The system allows a systems administrator to identify and see relevant parts of

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the network, and to see its status and configuration. (Col. 5, lines 32-35). In particular, the status of objects (and only problem status) is indicated using colored indicator lights. (Col. 14, lines 27-28 and 37-51).

Further, the system allows a user to construct "filters" to view resources as they pertain to unique business roles or functions, business applications, locations or geographies, or any traditional resource view. (Col. 6, lines 10-14). In particular, the system provides a control panel that allows a user to select any of a number of "service views," such as "Global Network," "Payroll," "Order Processing," "Dispatch," "Storage management," and "R&D," for continual monitoring. (Col. 16, lines 6-10; FIG. 8). The selected view is then used as a filter, such that only objects that exist within the selected service view are displayed. (Col. 16, lines 13-15).

Although Battat pertains to systems for monitoring networked computer systems, Battat does not describe or suggest a networked printing system that includes a client computer adapted to submit a print job to any of a plurality of networked output printing devices, and an application that is adapted to receive the status information regarding the output printing devices, filter the status information relevant to the print job submitted by the client computer, and display the filtered status information. Indeed, Battat does not describe or suggest anything regarding print jobs, or systems or applications that submit print jobs or monitor print job status.

Further, Battat does not describe or suggest anything regarding filtering status information relevant to a print job. Indeed, Battat does not describe filtering status information of any kind, let alone filtering print job status information. The filtering that Battat actually describes is based on displaying (or not displaying) objects on a screen based on whether or not the objects are included in a selected "service view." Such filtering has nothing to do with filtering status information relevant to a print job submitted by the client computer.

Because Battat does not describe or suggest the claimed invention, applicants respectfully request that the § 102(e) rejection of amended claim 1 be withdrawn. Because all other claims depend from claim 1, applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 2-8 and 10 also be withdrawn.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, applicants submit that this application, including claims 1-8 and 10, is allowable. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner allow this application.

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